

164 Since then the Lake Barundi have not changed much as
165 regards their physical and mental constitution, but the individ-
ual tribes were struck by a terrible epidemic of sleeping sick-
ness and were reduced to scarcely a third of their original num-
bers, so that in 1911 I found most of the formerly flourishing
settlements deserted and laid waste. Fortunately the stinging
[136] fly, Glossina palpalis, which carries the infection, has not
penetrated into cool, windy, upper Urundi, and it probably
never will since it does not find favorable conditions there.

4. Mental Traits

000 At this point little will be said about the mental traits
of the Barundi since they can be adequately inferred from the
detailed descriptions of their life and of their material and in-
tellectual culture which will follow. Therefore, I shall give
only a few data about the disposition, temperament, and
character of these three large population groups which differ
so considerably from each other.

● 151 Of the Batwa, the more primitive, freer Forest Batwa
are also much freer mentally than those who have settled
among the Bahutu and Batussi. Like all hunting tribes, they
are characterized by their extraordinarily sharp senses, the
superiority of which is very often experienced and still feared
by the Bahutu as they advance against the forest in search of
563 arable land. As long as he can still hunt and live, freely
roaming the forest, the Mutwa is very proud of his independence
and looks with contempt upon the Muhutu wretched and bent
low tilling his field, and also on the Village Mutwa living
outside the forests who has to earn his living painfully either
by working in the fields or as a potter or blacksmith. Toward
609 a European the Mutwa is in most cases, if not hostile, at any
rate shy and ostensibly indolent, for even in peaceful inter-
course he is afraid of the sorcery and formidable powers of the
Whites.

563 [13] The Village Batwa are in all circumstances shy and
157 cringing as a result of their social position as pariahs, of which